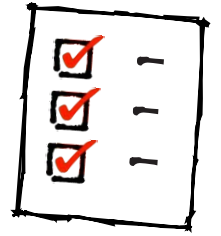


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Day Two

Entertaining the Troops

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- Kid Rock is just one of many celebrities who visited U.S. forces
- Most came with the United Services Organization
- To show his support of the troops and their military haircuts
- In spite of sadness and heat
- It's some of the best audiences

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Decoding practice:

We break words into syllables between double consonants in the middle of words.

- Underline the double consonants
- Draw a line between the double consonants
- Put a short vowel sign [˘] over the first vowel
- Say the word with your partner

The first one is done for you.

r[˘]apper

motto

Dallas

coffin

support

connect



Day Two

// one minute

Entertaining the Troops

Part 2: Last read

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In June 2003, the Iraq War was just three months old. U.S. soldiers gathered in the Baghdad airport for something different. They had a special visitor. It was music star Kid Rock, who played a concert just for them.

Kid Rock is just one of many celebrities who visited U.S. forces during the Iraq War.	55
Most came with the United Services Organization, or USO. The USO brings entertainment to U.S. troops serving all over the world. The USO motto is “Until Every One Comes Home.”	67 82 85

Other celebrities who performed in Iraq were rapper 50 Cent, singer Jessica Simpson, and the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders. Comedian Stephen Colbert even taped his show, <i>The Colbert Report</i> , in Iraq. To show his support of the troops and their military haircuts, Colbert shaved his head on camera.	99 111 126 132
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Performing in Iraq could be difficult. Temperatures were sometimes 120 degrees. Iraq was a war zone, and danger was never far away. Singer Toby Keith did many USO tours. Once, on a flight out of Iraq, he sat next to the coffin of a fallen soldier.	144 161 178
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In spite of sadness and heat, many USO performers said they loved their time in Iraq. Some came back again and again. They wanted to say “thanks” and connect with the troops. Comedian Robin Williams did several tours with the USO in Iraq and Afghanistan as well. He told a reporter, “It’s some of the best audiences you’ll ever get in your life.”	194 209 222 238 241
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

If you were serving in the war in Iraq, what entertainer would you most like to have seen? _____

Share your answer with your partner. What is your partner’s idea of an entertainer who would be good to see?